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Members of the State Government and Transportation Conference Committee

RE: Article 10, Section 11 of the Senate bill
Proposed Changes to Municipal State Aid Route Designations – Statute 169.09 Subd. 6

Dear Honorable Members of the State Government and Transportation Conference Committee:

The City Engineers Association of Minnesota (CEAM) appreciates your service and respects the work you are doing as the legislative session is concluding.

CEAM is opposed to Article 10, Section 11 of the Senate bill that requires a city to remove a street from its municipal state-aid system if the number of lanes on the street is reduced. This additional language in the bill unnecessarily removes the ability of municipal engineers to redesign roadways to better fit the context and safety needs of the area.

Reducing lanes continues to be an effective tool in the toolbox for vehicle safety, and it is a way to effectively address speed issues at a time where speeding is rampant. There are numerous examples of the safety benefits of converting four lane undivided roadways to three- or two-lane roadways while still meeting the capacity needs of the roadway. These conversions have eliminated crashes on our local roadway system saving lives, protecting property from damage, and reducing congestion.

The members of the City Engineers Association of Minnesota are strongly opposed to this proposed language and ask that the Conference Committee remove this late-added amendment from the final bill. Thank you for the opportunity to share our position on this language. Myself and the other members of the CEAM Executive Committee are available if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

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